

Application No. 10/644,537

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 and adds FIG. 3 - FIG. 6. These sheets replace FIG. 1 - 2.

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REMARKS

Specification

The specification has been amended to add new figures, FIG. 1 - 6, and a description of these figures. The basis for this addition can be found in the specification on page 6, lines 24-36; page 12, lines 14-18; page 13, lines 18-32; page 17, lines 9-16; page 19, lines 15-24, original claim 2, original claim 28 and 30.

Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings includes FIG. 1 - 6. These sheets replace the subsequently added FIG. 1 - 2. These drawings have been added per the request of the Examiner to depict the claimed invention.

Claim Status

Claims 1, 4, 8-18, 24, 26 and 28-29 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due. Claims 2-3, 5-7, 19-23, 25, 27, 30-31 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1 and 28 have been amended to recite limitations from original claim 2 and claim 7. The Examiner previously indicated that claim 7 contained allowable subject matter. Support for the amendment is found in original claim 2 and claim 7 and at page 5, lines 28-29 of the specification. Claim 4 was amended to recite that the substrate is selected from the group consisting nonwovens, formed films, films, composite material, laminates, wovens and combinations thereof. Support for this amendment can be found on page 5, lines 15-20; page 6, lines 6-9 and 24-26 and page 8, lines 24-27. Claim 17 is amended to correct antecedent basis.

The Applicants believe that the changes to the specification, drawings and claims will place the present application in condition for allowance.

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Rejection under 35 USC §102(b) Over U.S. Patent 5,084,559 by Rivera, et al (hereinafter referred to as "Rivera") and Rejection under 35 USC §103(a) Over Rivera in view of U.S.

Patent Pub. No. 2003/0064042 by Berquist (hereinafter referred to as "Berquist")

The Office Action states that claims are rejected under 35 USC §102 (b) as being anticipated by Rivera and are rejected as being unpatentable over Rivera in view of Berquist.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1 and 28 have been amended to recite limitations from original claim 2 and claim 7. The Examiner previously indicated that claim 7 contained allowable subject matter. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection on this basis.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied reference(s). In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application and allowance of the pending claim(s) are respectfully requested.

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